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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to hybrid cats, by providing that a person may  
2 possess, breed, and transport the offspring of a domestic cat  
3 and a cat classified as a dangerous wild animal or a  
4 subsequent generation originating from that offspring, and  
5 providing an effective date.  
6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
7 TLSB 5648XS 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 717F.1, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code  
1 2 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 b. "Dangerous wild animal" includes an animal which is the  
1 4 offspring of an animal provided in paragraph "a", and another  
1 5 animal provided in that paragraph or any other animal. It  
1 6 also includes animals which are the offspring of each  
1 7 subsequent generation. However, a dangerous wild animal does  
1 8 not include a hybrid which is any of the following:

1 9 (1) The offspring of a domestic dog and a wolf, or the  
1 10 offspring from each subsequent generation in which at least  
1 11 one parent is a domestic dog.

1 12 (2) The offspring of a domestic cat and a member of the  
1 13 family felidae of the order carnivora, or the offspring from  
1 14 each subsequent generation regardless of whether a parent is a  
1 15 domestic cat or another member of the family felidae.

1 16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
1 17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

1 18 EXPLANATION

1 19 This bill provides that a hybrid cat is no longer  
1 20 classified as a dangerous wild animal regulated under Code  
1 21 chapter 717F. A hybrid cat is (1) the offspring of a domestic  
1 22 cat and a lion, tiger, cougar, leopard, cheetah, ocelot,  
1 23 serval, or other nondomestic cat taxonomically known as a  
1 24 member of the family felidae of the order carnivora, or (2)  
1 25 each subsequent generation of that offspring.

1 26 The bill would allow a person to possess, breed, or  
1 27 transport the hybrid cat notwithstanding Code section 717F.3  
1 28 which would otherwise apply to prohibit such conduct. The  
1 29 bill does not affect provisions in Code chapter 717F that  
1 30 prohibit a person from keeping the pure-stock parent of a  
1 31 hybrid cat. The bill does not change current law which  
1 32 provides that a person may own or possess a lion, tiger,  
1 33 cougar, leopard, cheetah, ocelot, or serval, only under  
1 34 certain conditions. For example, the person must have owned  
1 35 or possessed the parent on July 1, 2007, and comply with a  
2 1 number of health and safety restrictions (see Code section  
2 2 717F.4), or the person must obtain an appropriate license  
2 3 issued by the United States department of agriculture and  
2 4 register the parent with the department of agriculture and  
2 5 land stewardship (see Code section 717F.7).

2 6 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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